

**PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
CHANGING THE FORM OF THE OFFICIAL
OATH OF OFFICE.**

H. J. R. No. 20.]

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.

House Joint Resolution proposing an Amendment to Article XVI, Section 1, of the Constitution of the State of Texas; changing the form of the oath of office for members of the Legislature and all officers of the State of Texas; providing for an election upon such Constitutional Amendment, and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Article XVI, Section 1, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended to hereafter read as follows:

"Article XVI. Section 1. Official Oath. Members of the Legislature, and all officers, before they enter upon the duties of their offices, shall take the following Oath or Affirmation:

"I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of _____ of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm), that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected. So help me God."

SEC. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to the electors of this State, qualified to vote on Constitutional Amendments, at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1938, at which election each ballot shall have printed thereon the words:

"FOR the Amendment of Article XVI, Section 1, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, changing the form of the oath of office for members of the Legislature and all officers of the State of Texas."

"AGAINST the Amendment of Article XVI, Section 1, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, changing the form of the oath of office for members of the Legislature and all officers of the State of Texas."

Each voter shall scratch out with pen or pencil the clause which he desires to vote against so as to indicate whether he is voting for or against said proposed Amendment.

SEC. 3. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation ordering an election in conformity herewith to determine whether or not the proposed Constitu-

tional Amendment set forth herein shall be adopted, and the Governor shall have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

SEC. 4. The sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expense of such publication and election.

[NOTE.—H. J. R. No. 20 passed the House, March 30, 1937, by a vote of 105 yeas, 3 nays; passed the Senate, April 8, 1937, by a vote of 30 yeas, 0 nays.]

Filed in the Department of State, April 10, 1937, with the Governor's signature.

**PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
TO ALLOW A DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT
OF AD VALOREM TAXES.**

H. J. R. No. 23.]

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.

House Joint Resolution proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas to be known as Section 20 of Article VIII, providing that no property of any kind shall be assessed for ad valorem taxes at a greater value than its fair cash market value; and giving the Legislature power to provide that the State and all governmental or political subdivisions or taxing districts may allow a discount for payment of ad valorem taxes before the date when they would otherwise become delinquent; and providing that this Amendment shall become effective January 1, 1939; providing for an election on the question of adoption or rejection of this Amendment; providing for the proclamation and publication thereof; and making an appropriation therefor; and prescribing the form of ballot.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding a new Section to Article VIII to be known as Section 20 and to read as follows:

"Section 20. No property of any kind in this State shall ever be assessed for ad valorem taxes at a greater value than its fair cash market value nor shall any Board of Equalization of any governmental or political subdivision or taxing district within this State fix the value of any property for tax purposes at more than its fair cash market value; provided that in order to encourage the prompt payment of taxes, the Legislature shall have the power to provide that the taxpayer shall be allowed by the State and all governmental and political subdivisions and taxing districts of the State a three per cent (3%) discount on ad valorem taxes due the State or due any governmental or political